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MANUFACTURERS OF

WOVEN WIRE MATTRESSES SPRING BEDS & COTS.

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TO THE TRADE.

HEREWITH we hand you Catalogue and Price List for January, 1885. Our constantly increasing trade has made it necessary that our manufacturing facilities should be increased; we therefore purchased a lot on corner of BLACKHAWK and CHERRY STREETS, with ample room for lumber storage and growth, fronting Railroad and River.

We have thereon a commodious factory with large and improved Dry Kiln, and all necessary buildings, and have steam for power and drying purposes, and all conveniences for business. We have at our new location the most complete and best appointed *Woven Wire Mattress and Spring Bed Factory* in the country, and will be able to supply the demand for our goods at *lowest current prices*. We shall keep up to the times in styles, making a specialty of Woven Wire Goods and Hospital and Asylum Beds.

Our shipping facilities are complete, and we have Release Contracts with all Railroads and Transportation Companies.

We invite a careful perusal of this Catalogue, and comparison of prices with those of 1884. We thank you for past generous patronage and trust we may merit a continuance of the same.

Yours Truly,

Office and Wareroom, 47 S. Desplaines St.

AMES & FROST.

SHIPPING DIRECTIONS AND TERMS.

Order by number. Nos. 0, 3 and 3½ can be shipped K. D. if desired. All goods shipped SET UP, unless ordered K. D. Woven Wire Mattresses should be ordered in pairs to prevent damage in transit. Be sure to give sizes plainly. If you want four feet wide by six feet long give it thus: 4—0 x 6, and never thus, 4 x 6. We ship all goods ***RELEASED,*** and deliver on board cars or boats in Chicago.

We give personal attention to obtaining low rates of freight, and to the collection of excessive charges, but do not guarantee rates, and are not responsible for overcharges, delays, damage to goods in transit, or for loss.

TERMS.—Net 30 days: 10 per cent off if paid within 10 days from date of invoice. POSITIVELY NO DISCOUNT AFTER TEN DAYS.

Prices subject to change without notice. We charge extra for goods over regular length. All goods guaranteed as represented.

N. B. Our customers will please note that they *Must Remit* for the accounts in Chicago or New York Exchange, P. O. Money Order, or Currency by Express, prepaid, ***within the time specified, in order to get the discount.*** We cannot conveniently draw for these ten day accounts, unless by special request. If not paid within ten days we shall, at the end of thirty days, draw for the full amount.

SPECIAL NOTE.—Occasionally a customer through neglect or oversight does not remit within ten days, or on receipt of goods, but waits thirty days, and sometimes more, and then claims the discount, at prices quoted herein; we cannot accept such settlement.

READ CAREFULLY.

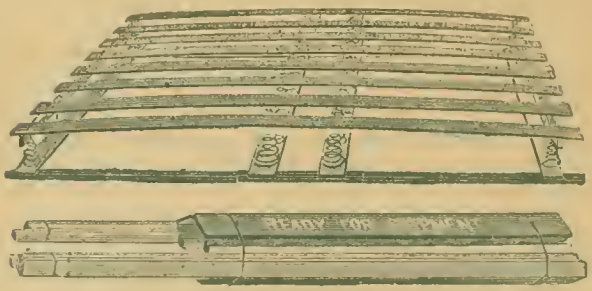
1/3 Your Life IS SPENT IN BED.

All Mattress and Hospital Bed Frames shown in following catalogue, where hard wood is used, are made from hard maple, thoroughly kiln-dried, smoothly dressed, and sand-papered.

Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 are supplied with our patent slide and socket extension irons, which we are making this year of malleable iron. No possibility of breakage by rough handling. They are thoroughly practical and reliable.

All Hospital and Asylum Beds can be supplied with supporting springs, as shown in numbers 4 and 14, thus making it perfectly easy to adjust the tension of the fabric so as to make it conform to the shape, condition, and requirements of the occupant, a result never before obtained.

All wire and material throughout the best, and workmanship thorough and reliable.



NO. O. SLAT SPRING.

All sizes to 4 6..... $0 90

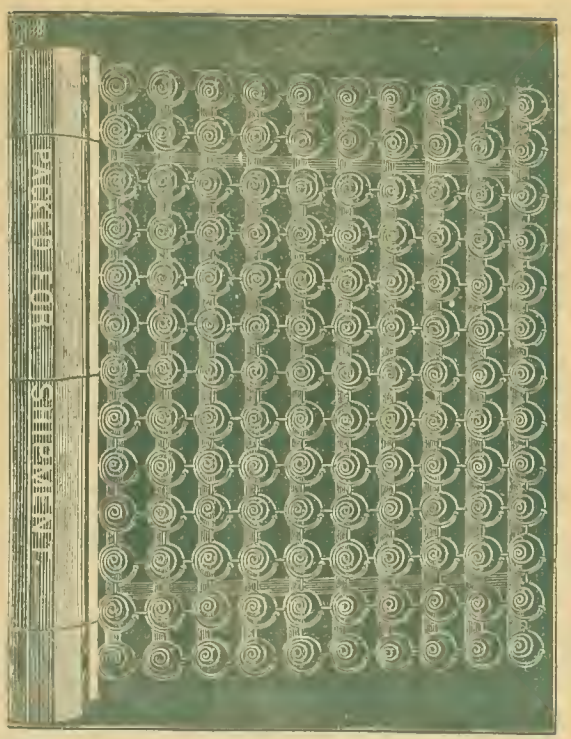
Over 4 6..... 1 00

A GOOD CHEAP SPRING.

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.

6 to 10 Slats, according to size of Spring.

13 Springs on each Slat.



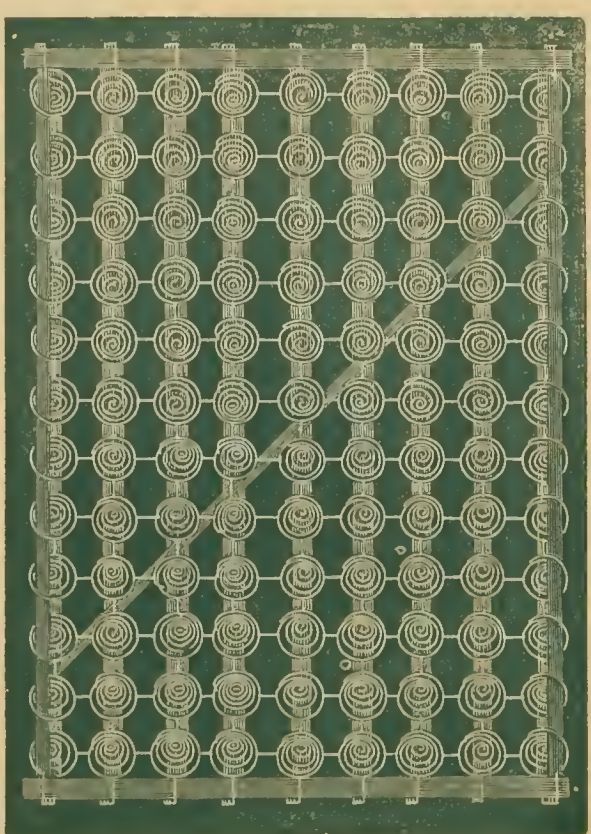
NO. 3. SOLID COMFORT.

Price All sizes to 4 6..... .....$1 65

Over 4 6 to 4 10..... 1 85

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.

6 to 9 Slats, according to size of Spring.
12 Springs to each Slat.



NO. 3½. SOLID COMFORT SPRINGS.

This is our regular No. 8½, with iron band on sides. The bed as now made is **Strong, Substantial,** and the best in the market.
Can be shipped K. D. if desired.

Price—All sizes to 4 – 6 ..... $1 35
Over 4 – 6 to 4 – 10 ..... 1 45

Note the reduction from prices of 1884. For terms and discounts, see page 2.

Beware of imitations, with light, flimsy frames, and a less number of springs.

NO. 2. FOLDING SPRING.

A Superior Bed Hardwood Ends Malleable Iron Hinges Band Iron on Sides None better in Market.

Price, all sizes to 4	6, Eight Sections		$1 40
4	6, Nine "		1 55
4	6, Ten "		1 70

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.

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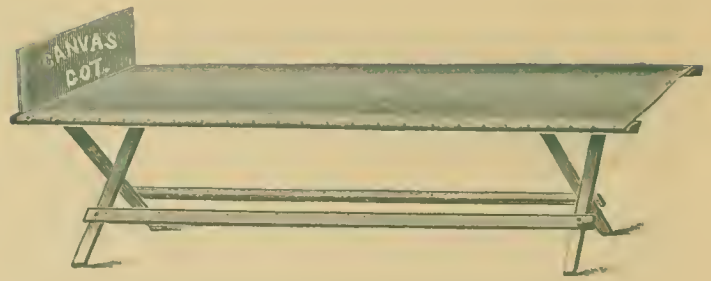


NO. 5. CROSS-LEG COT. A STRONG, RELIABLE COT.

29 inch	Duck,	10 oz	$0 90
29	"	8 oz	85
36	"	10 oz	1 00

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.

NO. 17. CANVAS COT, FOLDING LEGS.

Just the thing for camp-meetings, fishing parties, and all desiring a first-class Cot. Folds into roll about four inches through. Head piece pivoted, and can stand upright as shown in cut, or be brought forward, forming pocket for pillow.

We are prepared to fill large orders for these Cots on short notice. Stronger, more easily set up, and folding into a more compact package than others.

Heavy Duck, 29 inch.....$1 25

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.

No. 5½. 29 inch Duck.

Plain $1 20

Frame, Stained Walnut... 1 30

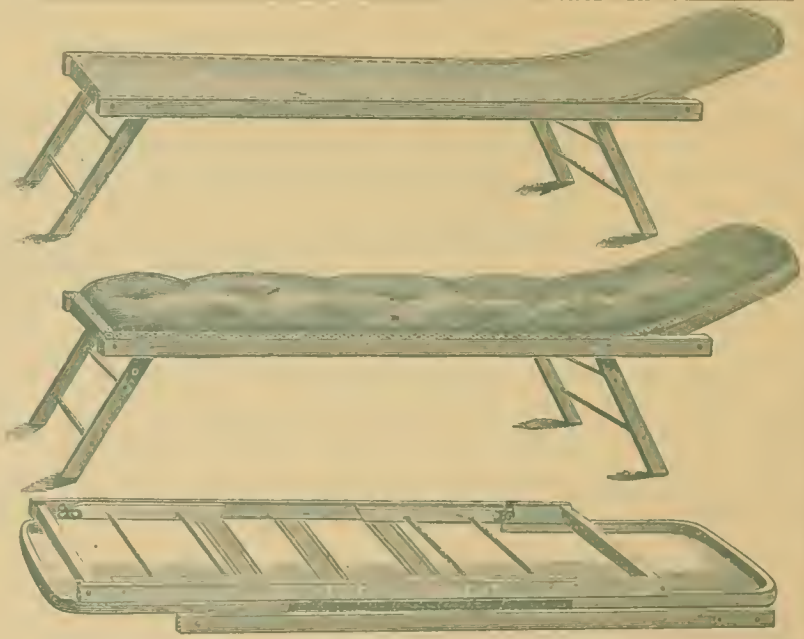
No. 5½. 29 inch Duck.

Upholstered $1 75

Frame, Stained Walnut... 1 85

Crib Cots, with side rails and foot boards, 50 cents extra.

For terms and Discounts, see page 2.



The No. 5½ Cots (cuts shown on page 10) we have improved as follows:

First—We put on bent head piece.

Second—We put on malleable Angle Irons to support the legs, same as used in our Woven Wire Cots.

Third—We connect the legs with dowels.

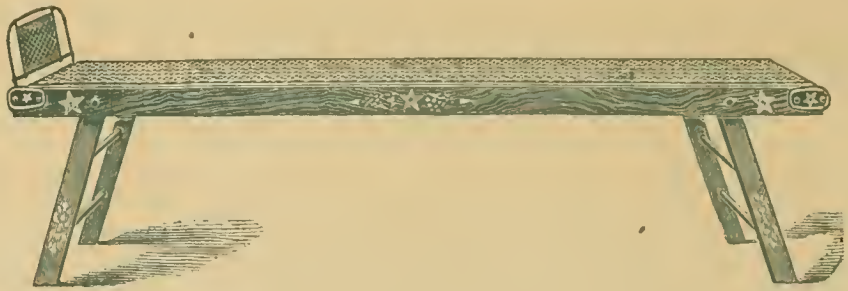
Fourth—By an entirely new device we can instantly make the head-rest lie straight with the body of the cot, thus enabling us to put them into PERFECTLY COMPACT shape for shipment.

The head rest is a support in FACT, and not a contrivance made to show well in a cut but wholly useless in practice.

As now made by us we consider them by far the best Duck Top Cots which have ever been offered.

They are strong in construction—neat and tasteful in appearance—and exceedingly comfortable to lie upon.

The Crib Cots are good and cheap—no mattress required.

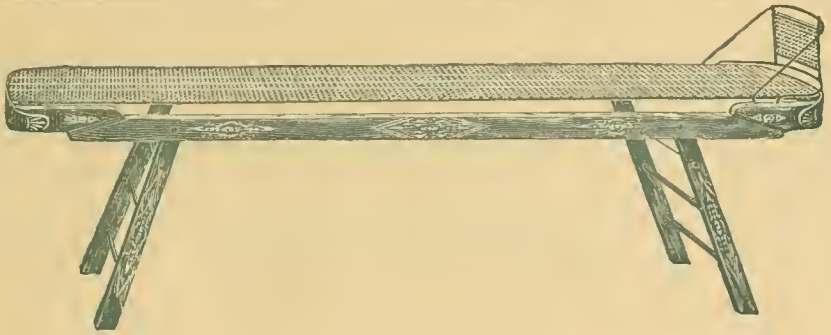


NO. 7. NEW WOVEN WIRE COT.

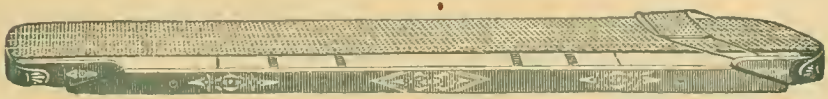
Strong and snbstantial ; neat and tasteful. Headpiece put on with Malleable Hinges, full double weave. Intended to supply the demand for a first-class cot, but not as expensive as the No. 16.

2-6 x 6-2. Painted Red, stenciled in Bronze $2 75
3-0 x 6-2. " " " " 3 00

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.



NO. 16. OPEN.



NO. 16. CLOSED. WOVEN WIRE COT.

Double weave, folding legs and head, round corners, painted and stenciled.

An elegant Cot, 2-6x6-2 ..... $3 50
3-0x6-2 ..... 4 00

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.

EXTENSION FOR 10 & 11.
PATENTED.

NO. 10. WOVEN WIRE MATTRESS, PLAIN.

The above cut shows our No. 10, which is the same as sold in 1884. The end piece is wide and has a groove near its center into which the fabric is forced and held in place by a tongued batten, making a perfectly tight joint —no puttying up cracks— no harbor for vermin.

The fabric does not reach to the extreme outer edge of the end pieces, as will be seen.

They are the best goods for the money ever offered to the trade.

Plain Double Weave, all sizes to 4-6	$2 20
Over 4-6 to 4-10	2 40

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.

Note reduction from prices of 1884.

EXTENSION FOR 10 & 11.
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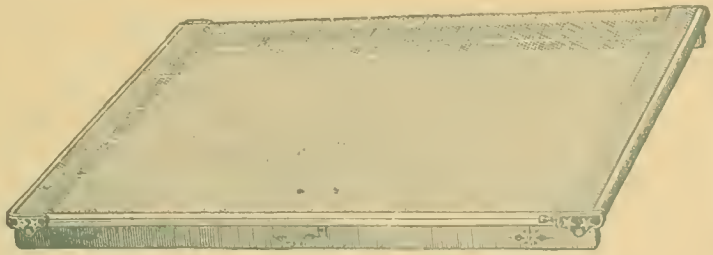

NO. 10. WOVEN WIRE MATTRESS, CORDED.

Same as No. 10, shown on page 14, except that they are corded, as shown in cut, the full sizes having five cords. The leading low-priced Mattress in the market.

Price, Corded as per above cut, all sizes to 4 - 6 ..... $2 30
Over 4 - 6 to 4 - 10 ..... 2 50

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.

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EXTENSION FOR 10 & 11.
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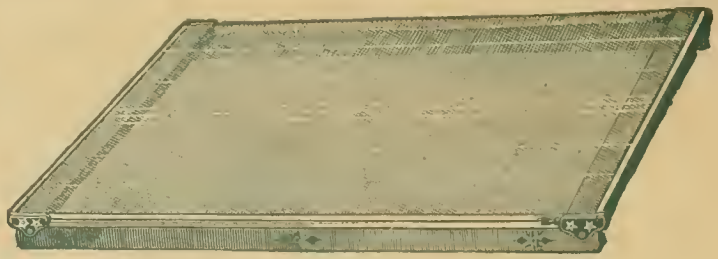

NO. 11. WOVEN WIRE MATTRESS.

Steel Wire, full double weave, with bands of wire running through the fabric; perfect extension.

All sizes, to 4 – 6 x 6 ..... $2 70
Over 4 – 6 to 4 – 10 ..... 3 00

The No. 11s are the best medium Wire Mattresses in market. They are made from the best steel mattress wire obtainable, well tinned, elastic, and of uniform temper. The frames are of thoroughly seasoned hard maple; with BROAD END PIECE. By the use of the broad end piece, we make a very substantial frame without increasing the weight, with much less liability to twist or sag than the ordinary frame with narrow end piece. We are glad to know that our customers appreciate this feature. Our patented extension is entirely practical, and far in advance of *all others.*

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.

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EXTENSION FOR 10 & 11.
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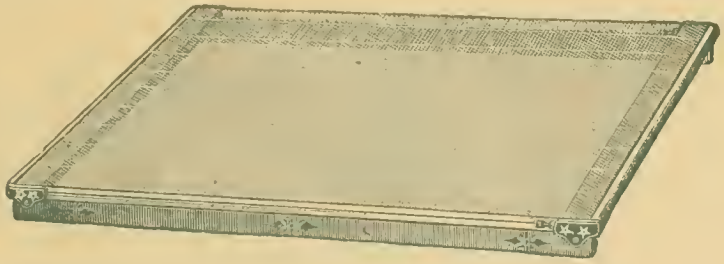

NO. 9. WOVEN WIRE MATTRESS.

We find a growing demand for something better than the common mattress. We are therefore making the No. 9 with a finely woven corded fabric having an abundance of wire, and the coils of such shape as to combine great strength and elasticity. This fabric we combine with the number 11 frame, thus making a mattress UNEQUALLED for durability and comfort.

Price—All sizes to 4 - 6 ..... $3 30
Over 4 - 6 to 4 - 10 ..... 3 50

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.

Note the reduction from prices of 1884.

A COMBINATION MATTRESS THAT CANNOT SAG.

The Silver Leaf attachment of Supporting Springs can, if desired, be applied to any Hospital or Asylum Beds, thus making them the most Comfortable Support for the Sick in Existence.

NO. 4.

The Only Self-Adjusting Woven Wire Mattress on the Market.

The cut on page 18 shows a combination Mattress known as the SILVER LEAF. By this combination of the wire fabric and steel coil springs, the two act together in carrying the weight, and by mutually relieving each other, preserve the elasticity of both fabric and springs, and keep the Mattress always in its original position.

THE SILVER LEAF MATTRESS

Was brought before the public in the winter of 1878-9, and was the first woven wire mattress supported by spiral springs ever sold in this country. It has been thoroughly tested for six years by dealers in nearly all the Western, Southern and Middle States, and has given universal satisfaction. It is, therefore, now confidently offered to the trade, and the public generally, as the most *comfortable, durable* and *sensible* Spring Bed ever made.

We apply our rule "Large Sales, Small Margins and Quick Returns," to the Silver Leaf, thereby bringing it within the reach of ALL good trade. The standard of excellence will be fully maintained.

NOTE THE PRICES.

All sizes to 4 – 6, Coppered Springs..... $3 30
Over 4 – 6, to 4 – 10, Coppered Springs..... 3 50

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.

TO THE FURNITURE TRADE.

Having sold out my Silver Leaf Mattress Patents and Spring Bed and Cot business to Messrs. Ames & Frost, of this city, I take pleasure in referring you to them. In their hands your orders will receive prompt attention, and the quality of the goods will be fully sustained. Yours truly, L. C. BOYINGTON.

The Silver Leaf is FULLY COVERED by VALID PATENTS, which will be protected against Infringements.

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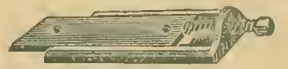


EXTENSION FOR 10 & 11.
PATENTED.

NO. 12. NEW IMPROVED.

The above cut represents an entirely new mattress in our list. We have added Nos 12 and 13 for that portion of our customers desiring "*old time*" goods, no attempt being made to save either material or labor, excellence being the desired result, and not cheapness.

We guarantee these mattresses equal to any manufactured in the United States, and they will be furnished to the trade at a marked reduction from the prices they have been paying for the same class of goods.

All sizes to 4-6 x 6-0 ..... $5 50
Over 4-6 to 4-10 ..... 5 80

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.

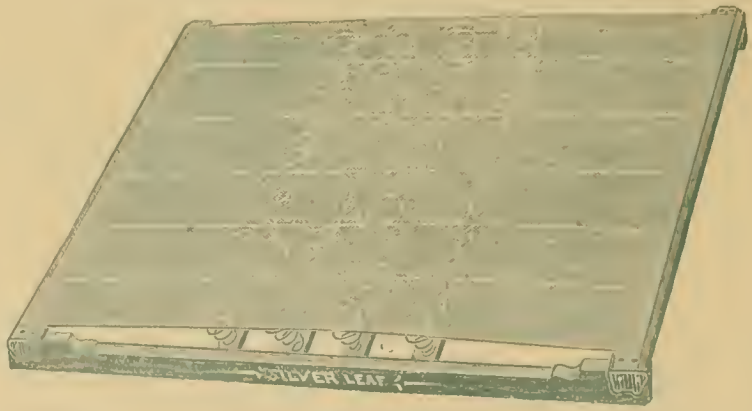
NO. 13. NEW NATIONAL.

Same as No. 12, except in the matter of extension, which in this mattress is produced by means of a double end bar, as shown in cut. Nos. 12 and 13 are offered to the trade in the full confidence that they will win their way.

All sizes to 4-6 x 6 ..... $5 50

Over 4-6 to 4-10 ..... 5 80

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.



NO. 14. SILVER LEAF ADJUSTABLE.

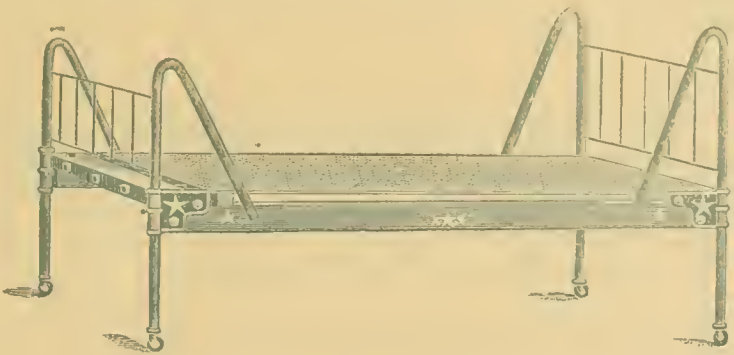
The above cut represents a mattress made in the style of the Silver Leaf, but differing from our No. 4, page 18, in the fact that it is adjustable, as follows:

By having the spiral springs supported underneath by bands of iron, with a device for tightening at the ends, thus being able to give the fabric any required degree of tension quickly and easily.

Abundant material will be used to make this mattress all that can be desired.

All sizes to 4-6 x 6-0 ..... $5 50
Over 4-6 to 4-10 ..... 5 80

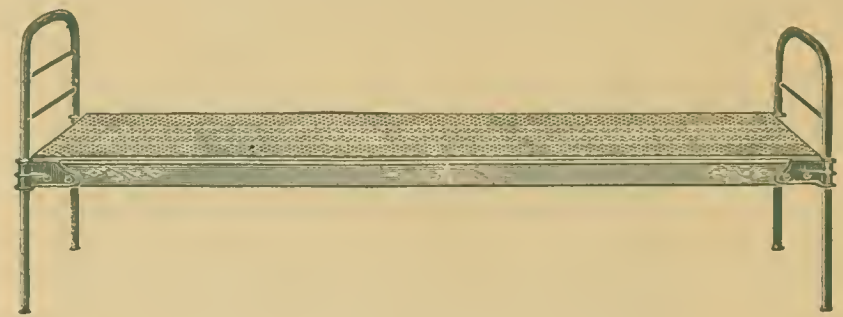
For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.



NO. 15. HOSPITAL BED.

The above cut shows a new bed on our list. It will be seen that the pipes forming the legs are bent over and down to the side rails, thus forming pocket to hold the mattress and pillow. This style of bed is very much liked where in use. Finished in same style as our other Hospital Beds.

☞ *Prices upon application.*

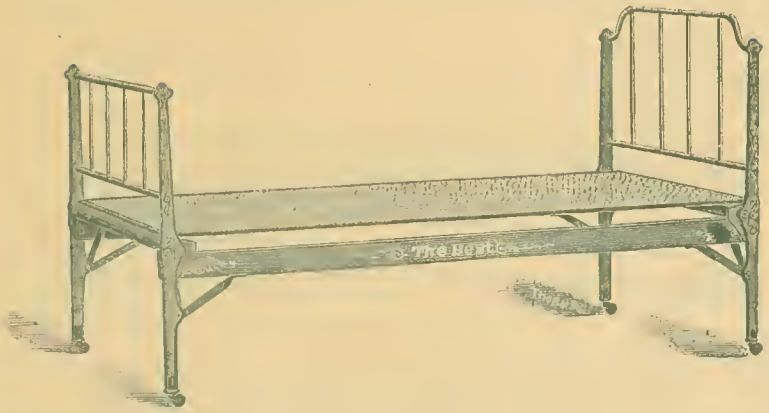


NO. 8. NEW HOSPITAL BED.

Double weave. Wood frame. Gas pipe legs. Mattress can be raised or lowered at will. Legs removable. Painted blue and stenciled in bronze. Light, but well and strongly made. Intended for one person. Neatest and most desirable Hotel, Office and Servant Bed in market.

2-8 x 6-2 ..... $5 00
3-0 x 6-2 ..... 5 50

For Terms and Discounts, see page 2.



NO. 18. PETERS' COMPLETE HOSPITAL BED.

Fabric, woven wire. Frame, wood. Legs, malleable iron: very neat pattern and firmly braced. Cross rods, braces and spindles, best wrought iron. Cross rods milled at ends, forming shoulder, and are firmly riveted to legs — the spindles are also milled and riveted to cross rods. This construction makes a very strong bed, and is quite ornamental. In all our Hospital and Asylum Beds every portion is *securely* fastened, rendering it impossible for an insane person to wrench a weapon from the bed.

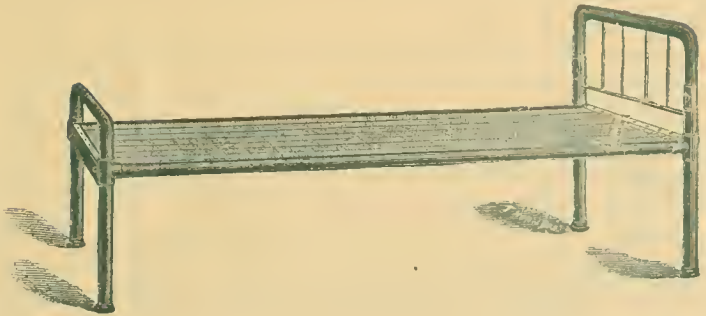
Unless otherwise ordered, we varnish and stencil the wood, japan the iron, and bronze the projections. Any size made to order. ☞ *Prices upon application.*

NO. 19. PETERS' ASYLUM BED.

(No Cut shown on this Page.

Same Bed as Number 22, except that the frame is of WOOD, instead of Angle Iron.

Fabric, woven wire. Legs, wrought iron pipe, bent as shown. Cross pieces and spindles, best wrought iron, milled and securely riveted. Mattress can be raised or lowered at will. Wood varnished, iron japanned, and projections bronzed. ☞ *Prices upon application.*

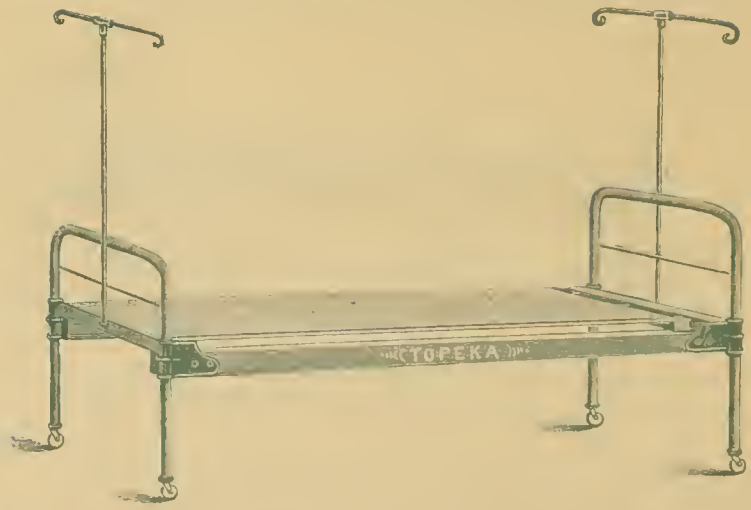


NO. 20. PEERLESS PIPE BED.

Fabric, woven wire. Frame, wrought iron pipe. Perfect extension. Ends of cross rods and spindles milled and SECURELY riveted. Very compact and strong.

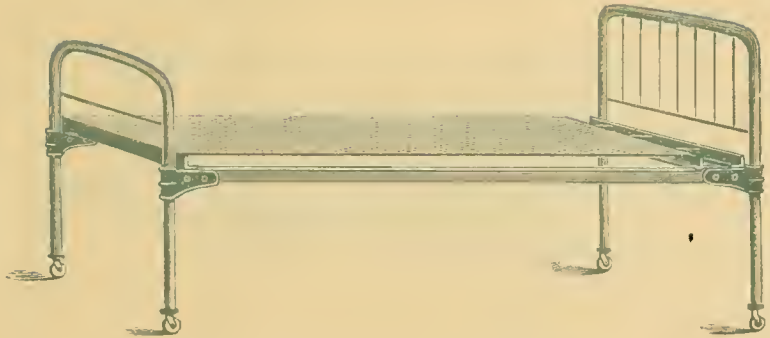
Frame japanned and projections bronzed. Any size made to order.

☞ *Prices upon application.*



NO. 21. TOPEKA BED.

Fabric, woven wire. Frame, wood, with double end and extending bolts as shown. Legs, wrought iron pipe. Cross rods milled and SECURELY riveted. Legs pass through corner castings. Mattress can be raised or lowered at will. With or without canopy. Wood varnished, iron japanned, projections bronzed. ☞ *Prices upon application.*

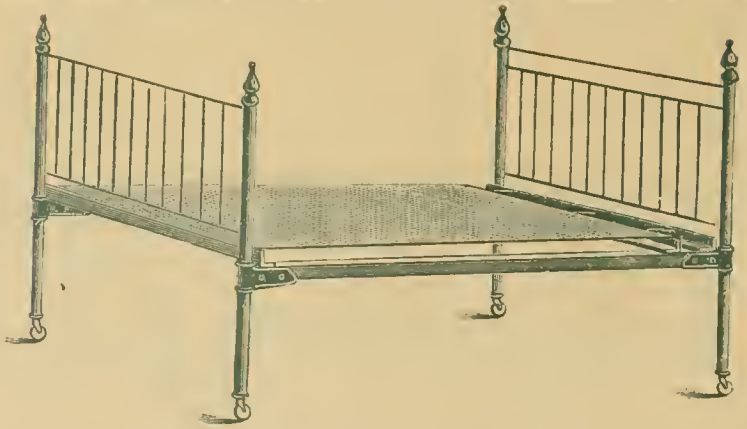


NO. 22. ALL IRON BED.

Fabric, woven wire. Frame, angle iron. Same adjustment as in Topeka Bed. Legs, wrought iron pipe. Cross rods and spindles milled and SECURELA riveted.

Mattress can be raised or lowered at will. Wood varnished, iron japanned, projections bronzed.

☞ *Prices upon application.*

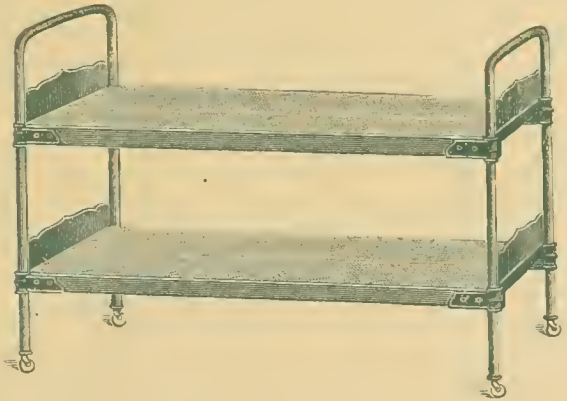


NO. 23. BRASS TOP BED.

An elegant Bed. Fabric of woven wire. Frame of angle iron or wood. Legs, wrought iron pipe, surmounted by polished brass ornaments. Same extension as in Topeka Bed. Cross rods and spindles milled and SECURELY riveted. Iron japanned, projections bronzed.

☞ *Prices upon application.*

Nos. S. 15 and 18 to 24 inclusive, can be painted red, blue, green or brown, as desired, when ordered in sufficient quantities. Above numbers shipped with legs removed and packed.



NO. 24. TWO TIER BED.

Fabric, woven wire. Frame, wood. Legs, wrought iron pipe, bent as shown. Mattresses can be raised or lowered at will. Wood varnished, iron japanned, and projections bronzed.

☞ *Prices upon application.*

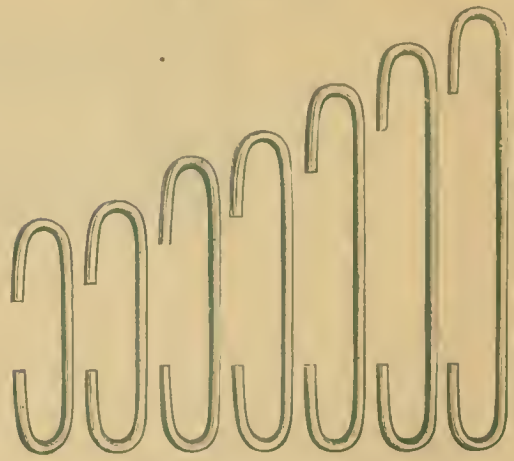
Nos. 8, 15 and 18 to 24 inclusive are in use in

HOSPITALS,
ASYLUMS,
MILITARY ACADEMIES,
TRAINING SCHOOLS,
COLLEGES,
SEMINARIES,
CONVENTS,
HOTELS,

and in many other places where great strength and neatness of construction are required.

LINKS FOR SOLID COMFORT.

1¼ to 2½ inches.



Price, 10 cents per Pound.

AMES & FROST,

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SPRING BEDS AND COTS,

HOSPITAL BEDS, ASYLUM BEDS.

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